

I am in favor of the FISTS petition. I think FISTS suggests a good solution to keep morse code as part of the amateur radio hobby. There is no reason why license applicants should not be required to learn morse code to gain access to the HF bands. The statistics in the FISTS petition tell the story. There are more people taking the higher element exams now than ever, and more passing than ever. All of those people have taken the 5 wpm morse code exam, and have passed it. Please don't cheapen the license by just giving it away to anyone who can pass a multiple-guess quiz. Keep the 5 wpm morse code requirement. I think you should adopt the FISTS petition in its entirety. Thank you for your consideration of my comment.